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WKCF MISSION STATEMENT

Enriching
western Kansas
life through
philanthropy,
collaboration
and leadership.

Ryan Steel has a big goal in mind. This enterprising Garden City fifteen year old has been working for over a year to complete an Eagle Scout project that will bring a unique and historical artwork to the south entrance of the city. With a goal of raising \$35,000 to underwrite the project, Ryan is well on his way to achieving success.

"I chose something that I thought would improve our community. I hope to make a difference by adding a piece of artwork that says welcome to Garden City" Steel said. The bronze, low-relief sculpture is estimated to be 8-foot high and 14-foot wide and will depict the history of Garden City. Original plans for the bronze include a train, windmill and buffalo grazing on the plains. The bronze will be located near the south entrance of Garden City between Lee Richardson Zoo and Charles Peebles Baseball Complex, an area recently renovated with walking trails, the addition of many new trees and landscaping. "I want to make this city feel like a great place to live and make people want to come back," Steel noted when asked why he wanted to take on this project.

In the fall of 2010, Steel opened a fund in partnership with the City of Garden City at Western Kansas Community Foundation to pool his fundraising efforts. These funds will be used to underwrite the cost of the charitable project. Ryan has held many fundraisers including a community fun-run held April 9, spoken to potential donors interested in his project, applied for grant funding, and spread the word of his undertaking at numerous civic organizations as well as on the radio. Steel's intention is to build awareness for all of us to be more involved in making our city a better place.

"The Foundation is pleased to work with Ryan to achieve his goal to beautify Garden City. Our flexibility as a community foundation allows us to work with donors who have a philanthropic project that benefits the greater good. I'm excited for Ryan and know his determination and creativity will payoff in a terrific addition to our City that everyone can enjoy." stated Shea Sinclair, Executive Director of Western Kansas Community Foundation.

For more information on the project and how you can help please contact Ryan Steel at Rsteel95@gmail.com.



Mockup of bronze statue





Fifty area women celebrated the second anniversary of the Women of Purpose Fund, a component fund of Western Kansas Community Foundation, by making a \$3,000 grant to an area non-profit that helps women undergoing cancer treatment and other significant life transitions.

The Shift Center, Garden City, was awarded the grant by the fund's voting members who felt their program best embodied this year's theme - "Healthy Women, Healthy Communi-

ty". The focus of the grant was cancer prevention, management of cancer and/or the improvement of quality of life for people with cancer. Grant funds will be used to help fund The Shift Center's Women's Health Energizing Empowerment (WHEE) series. The WHEE series is designed to provide women with cancer services that empower a sense of well-being within themselves, create a safe place to explore feelings of hope and healing, provide educational tools and to renew cooperation between the medical community and complementary professionals.

Kriz Hughes, director of The Shift Center, was overcome with joy when she accepted the grant award. "We are going to be able to provide some really wonderful services to women who are battling cancer. It's just a huge relief." noted Hughes at the luncheon.

The Women of Purpose fund was established in 2009 with a permanent endowment of \$57,000. The fund was created through the generous donation of \$1,000 by 57 area women interested in establishing a fund to benefit women in southwest Kansas while also taking an active and powerful role in philanthropy. In addition, voting members sign up each year through a \$100 donation to be able to help grow the fund as well as increase the grant award. These women vote on who receives grant funding through a competitive grant application process. A renewal campaign for 2012 voting memberships will begin in the fall of this year.

New Grant County Women of Purpose Fund -

Grant County Community Foundation, an affiliate of Western Kansas Community Foundation, is pleased to announce the establishment of a new fund to benefit women living specifically in Grant County. The fund will be called Grant County Women of Purpose and seeks to create a community of like-minded women interested in increasing awareness of philanthropy in southwest Kansas and demonstrate how their philanthropic dollars can benefit women right in their home county.

Grant County Women of Purpose executive committee has been meeting with area women to spread the word about the new fund and is looking to engage interested women to become involved. For more information or if you are interested in becoming a founding member of the Grant County Women of Purpose fund, please call Judy Alig, Grant County Community Foundation board chairman at 620-353-1499.

Chairman's Perspective



Judy Keusler
WKCF Chairman

How many times have you seen it happen? The last member of a prominent and generous family in your community passes, their estate is inherited by children who no longer live in the area. The void is immediately felt by those groups and organizations that had benefitted by that person's generosity. If the community is lucky, someone else steps into the gap and the community continues to thrive, but sometimes the gap is never filled and the community suffers. We've all seen the effects of similar stories in rural communities all over western Kansas.

Researchers at Boston College estimated a \$41 trillion transfer of wealth in America from 2000 to 2050. Even in our little corner of Kansas, that figure is astonishing! It is estimated that in 15 counties in southwestern Kansas, over \$24 billion is expected to transfer by 2060 according to the same study.*

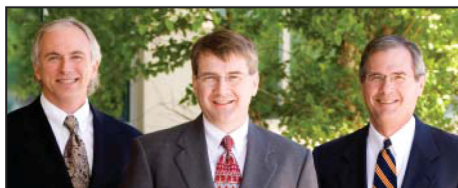
Imagine what could happen if just 5% of that transfer of wealth (\$120 million) were placed in community foundations in the area, all working to serve the groups and organizations in our communities! It could make a powerful difference in the health and well being of the communities where we live and earn our wealth, without jeopardizing the inheritances for families and other favorite charities. It is an idea worth considering.

If you are interested in establishing a fund to benefit a favorite charity for your community or maybe starting an affiliate for your county, please contact our staff. Shea is well versed in the establishment of funds and affiliates and can help you work through the details of getting one started. Truly, there is no better time to do it.

*The Transfer of Wealth study was commissioned by the Kansas Health Foundation for the Kansas Association of Community Foundations and conducted by the Center for Economic Development and Business Research at Wichita State University. Future intergenerational wealth transfer for the state and for each county in Kansas was estimated based on a model initially created by Boston College.



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 Finney County Public Library
 Garden City Chamber of Commerce
 Leadership
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 Leadership Children
 Garden City Downtown Vision, Inc.
 Garden City Family YMCA
 Garden City Public Schools Foundation
 Russell Child Development Center
 Sublette Public Schools Foundation

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Arts & Culture

Dale J. & Carole Corley Gabel Fund
 In Memory of Carole's parents
 Dale & Jeanne Beach Corley

Children

Kansas Health Foundation Children's
 Fund

Kansas Health Foundation

Our Children, Our Future

John & Elizabeth Scheopner

Development

Grant County Fund
 Haskell County Community Fund

Education

Ralph & Marilyn Germann Fund
 Garden City Sunrises Kiwanis Club

Health & Human Services

Healthy Lifestyles for Grant County
 Carl & Carolyn Myers Fund
 Mary Lou Spanier Fund
 Dr. Max & Charlene Teare Fund
Unrestricted Grant Funds
 Unruh Family Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Bernadine Sitts Fund
 Grant County Fine Arts Fund
 Bob Wilson Memorial
 Grant County Hospital Permanent Fund
 Bob Wilson Memorial
 Grant County Hospital Foundation
 (non-permanent) Fund
 Grant County Women of Purpose
 Builders of Hope
 City of Garden City/Steel Public Art Fund
 Erdene Corley Fund
 Jeanne B. Corley Hospice Fund
 Emmaus House Fund
 Dan & Chris Fankhauser Fund
 Finney County Library Fund
 Kismet Library Fund
 Cecil and Frances O'Brate Family Fund
 for Youthville
 Satanta Lions Club Fund
 Southwest Arts & Humanities Council
 Unified School District #214, Ulysses, KS
 Unified School District #363—Holcomb, KS
 Dorothy M. & Louise Wampler
 Western Kansas Community Foundation
 Sustainability Fund
 Robert A. Whippo Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Esther Smith-Bennett & Webb Smith Fund
 Erdene Corley Fund
 Herman & Marjorie Cooper Fund
 Phil & Sheryl Dick Fund
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Dorsey Elliott and Merton Elliott
 Henselman Family Fund
 Henry & Nellie Hall Fund
 Kansas Children's Service League
Healthy Families Finney County Fund
 Kenneth & Judith Keusler Family Fund
 Leo and Eldora Kleysteuber Fund
 Lee Construction, Inc. Fund
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 Carol & Kent Nanninga Family Fund
 Pauline and Orville Patterson Family Fund
 Gary & Carolyn Salyer Fund
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DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Garden City Wrestling Alumni Association
Garden City High School
 Garden City Telegram
 Senior Student-Athlete Scholarship
12 county Telegram service area
 Charles Helfrich Memorial Scholarship
 Rich Jantz Scholarship Fund
Southwestern College
 Katherine C. Jones Scholarship Fund
Holcomb High School
 Katherine C. Jones Scholarship Fund
Continuing Education
 Laura Elizabeth Kleysteuber Memorial Fund
Garden City High School
 Jan McLeland Memorial Scholarship Fund
Satanta High School
 Neighborhood Improvement Project
 Scholarship Fund
Garden City High School
 Duane Nichols Memorial Scholarship Fund
 K O & Ruth Powell Scholarship Fund
Nursing
 Bernadine Sitts Scholarship Fund
Garden City High School
 Joyce & Leroy Stapleton Scholarship Fund
Sublette High School and Garden City
Community College
 Stoeckly Family Scholarship Fund
Garden City Community College
 Sublette Rotary Club Fund
Sublette High School
 Bud Ward Family Scholarship Fund
Brewster/Winona- Triplains/Oakley- Monument
 Chase Mitchel Webber Sublette Recreation
 Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sublette High School
 Tonya Wright Memorial Scholarship Fund
Satanta High School

UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT

James A. & Christina Becker Fund
 Community Betterment Fund
 Finney County Farm Bureau
 Garden City Company
 Dale J. & Carole Corley Gabel
 Katherine C. Jones
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 Bob & Barbara Kreutzer Fund
 Max & Marianne Miller Family Farm Fund
In Honor of Max's parents
Ralph & Idell Miller
 David C. & Judith A. Stanard
 Mathews/Stanard Fund
In Honor of Judy's parents
Robert & Cleo Mathews

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 Robert A. & Lujana C. Baker
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Report from Executive Director Shea Sinclair

We're here for you!

The Western Kansas Community Foundation was created in 1996 by visionary community members who were seeking a way to capture and save a portion of the wealth grown in western Kansas to perpetually give back to essential organizations and non-profits who provide invaluable services in our community.



We can never say thank you enough to the Founders of the WKCF who created the original fund that started the Foundation. Those Founders are listed to the left of this column and I encourage you to look through the list. We are grateful for their foresight to support a new Foundation and emerging concept in our area of the state fifteen years ago. We work daily to carry out their vision for a thriving and vibrant community foundation poised to meet the needs of western Kansas.

Over our fifteen year history, we have grown significantly because of supporters like you. You don't have to be wealthy to contribute to the community foundation. You have to be interested in the ongoing success of western Kansas and want to provide for the long-term sustainability of non-profit, exempt and charitable organizations that make this a great place to live. The WKCF represents the broadest charitable interests of its donors, and is a collection of funds from many donors who, acting together, can have an impact on improving all aspects of the quality of life of a community.

Individual donors, family corporations, non-profit organizations, and private foundations have discovered the benefits of using a community foundation to manage their gifts and achieve their philanthropic vision. Funds established or donations made today to the Western Kansas Community Foundation will provide a critical stream of income to meet the challenges of western Kansas in the decades to come.

If you would like more information on how we can work together to achieve your philanthropic goals please call the office at 620-271-9484. We look forward to visiting with you!

ESTATE PLANNING SERVICES

Stewardship Counseling, LLC offers comprehensive estate planning for you and your family. John W. Griffin, Esq. travels across Kansas to offer this service through a wide range of community and private foundations.

He will review your existing plan free of charge. No products are sold or endorsed through this counseling process, only the opportunities to gain ideas. Garden City Community College Endowment Association, Commerce Trust Company of Garden City, and Western Kansas Community Foundation are proud to sponsor this program.

Western Kansas Community Foundation made grants to the following organizations in the Foundation's fifteen county service area through the quarterly unrestricted grant award program:



Baker Arts Foundation - Liberal; to assist with purchase of art supplies for Art Piece program in association with Mosaic.

Family Crisis Services - Garden City; to fund the Survivor Assistance Program that provides basic needs items for women and families victimized by abuse or domestic violence.

Finney County 4-H Foundation - Garden City; to fund School Enrichment Program

Grant County Community Garden Organization - Ulysses; to fund community garden project.

Kansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry, Inc. - southwest Kansas; underwrite program cost associated with the donation of deer meat to food pantries in the area.



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